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## X-RAY IMAGE DIAGNOSTIC APPARATUS

the specification of which

is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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Priority  
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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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